Mortician

WILLIAM HENRY AND CATHARINE BUNNELL EPPERSON




William Henry Epperson was born December 17, 1868, in Midway, and died July 4, 1933 in Midway. He was the son of Sidney Epperson and Mary Jane Robey. He was married December 2, 1891, to Catharine Bunnell. She was born October 1, 1872, in Midway and died September 6, 1934, in Midway. She was the daughter of George Henry Bunnell and Margaret Sulser. There were no children.

Catharine or Kate as she was known, spent her life in service to others, particularly those in need. She was skilled in the home arts, particularly knitting, embroidering, crocheting, tatting and quilting. She and her sister Eve Van Wagoner worked many years before there were professional morticians in covering, padding and lining caskets made by Moroni Blood. She would sew burial clothing and assist in preparing the dead for burial.

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JOHN MURRI JR., AND MARY ANN HASLER




John Murri Jr., son of Johannes Murri Sr., and Anna Speicher Murri. Born March 4, 1858, in Switzerland. Married Mary Ann Hasler. Died August 26, 1926, in Midway.

Mary Ann Hasler, daughter of Fredrick Hasler Sr., and Margaretha Abegglen Hasler. Born December 2, 1863, in Switzerland. Died November 10, 1925, in Midway.

John Jr. married Mary Ann Hasler and they reared a large family. Their families immigrated in the same company and on the same trip. John Jr. was a lad of fifteen and Mary Ann a child of ten years. Midway was the family home until 1927.

John Jr. was active in developing irrigation, and acted as the manager of the Midway Water Works Co., for many years. He helped to acquire the water from "Indian Springs" for the use of sprinkling in Midway Cemetery and laid the first pipe line into the cemetery.

John Jr. acted as a mortician for the people of Midway and also cared for the sick, until it became possible to get professional help.

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He helped care for and bury children in many Midway families who were stricken with diptheria. His services were always given freely and without charge to all who needed him.

Children of John and Mary Ann Hasler Murri:

John H., married (1) Helena Roberts, (2) Luella Panter;
Fredrick Laurence, married Margaret Walker;
William Charles, married Leciel Carlile;
Frank Herbert, married Ethel Barnes;
Mrs. Monroe (Margaretha Adell) Hair;
Mrs. Claude (Ella Louise) Davis, later married Ethan Duke;
Mrs. Maurice (Mary Ann) Cluff;
Mrs. Bliss (Leda Elizabeth) Titus;
Ruby Anna, died in youth;
Gladys Louise, died in youth. 768

